

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

International Application of

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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A FOODSTUFF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fees.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims ~~1-22~~ and substitute claims 23-47 in the application.

23. A process for producing a set expanded foodstuff, comprising the steps of passing a soft expanded foodstuff composition at a first temperature and a first pressure into a setting region at a second temperature, said second temperature being lower than said first temperature; and cooling and setting said soft expanded foodstuff composition in the setting region at a second pressure which is lower than said first pressure.

24. A process as claimed in claim 23, wherein the first temperature is in the range of 70 to 150°C.

25. A process as claimed in claim 23, wherein the first pressure is substantially atmospheric pressure.

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